



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

New York, NY

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of New York was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. With a population of 8,213,839, New York is the largest city in the United States and a federally designated Empowerment Zone. Beginning in 2001, the city experienced an economic downturn resulting from a national recession and the impact of the September 11th attack. New York's poverty rate is over 21 percent, and 65 percent of its residents are minorities. The city's portfolio of developable land is dwindling, and potential brownfields are nearly all of the land remaining to meet growing land-use needs. By 2030, New York is expecting its population to grow to over nine million, and residents will need places to live, play, and work. The redevelopment of brownfields is essential to accomplishing this goal. Eventual redevelopment of brownfields will



Assessment Grants



\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of New York for two assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct at least two Phase II environmental site assessments of sites located in industrial and low-income areas of the city. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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provide much-needed space for residential and commercial uses. Stimulating the local economy will lead to capital investment, job creation, and increases to the local tax base.